

*The Last Will and Testament
of Edward Smith
of Rowde
Will Proved 24 April 1689*



Prerogative Court of Cantebury
Will Dated: 2 November 1688
Original reference: PROB-11-395-97
Buried at St. Matthew, Rowde 13 November 1689

Testator:	Smith	Edward	Clothier
Sole Executors and Executrix:	John Smith, Edward Smith, Richard Smith and Elizabeth Smith		
Overseers in Trust:	Smith	John	Of Borough of Devizes
	Eles	John	Marson, in parish of Pottren

Beneficiaries		Relationship to Testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Smith	Elizabeth	Wife	
Smith	John	Son	Under the age of 21 years
Smith	Edward	Son	Under the age of 21 years
Smith	Richard	Son	Under the age of 21 years
Smith	Elizabeth	Daughter	Under the age of 21 years
Witnesses			
Smith	Jane		
Elles	Mary		
Ellyott	Frank		

In the name of God Amen the second day of November in the fourth year of the Raigh of our Sovereign James the Second King of England Scotland France and Ireland Annoqi Dui 1688 I Edward Smith of Rowd in the County of Wilts Clothier being sick and weake in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory praised be Almighty God for the sam I doe make and ordaine thos my present Last Will and Testament in manner and forme following that is to say First and principally and above all things I bequeath my Soule into the hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping through the merits death and passion of my blessed Lord an d Savior Jesus Christ have full and free pardon and forgivenes of all my sinns and to inherit Everlasting Life And my body I commit to the earth where it came to be decently buried at the discretion of my Overseers in trust of this my last will and Testament And as touching the disposicion of all such temporall estate as it hath pleases Almighty God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as followeth Imperis my will is that my debts and funerall expenses shall be first paid and discharged Item I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth the house I now live in together with the outhouse Garden Orchards Close Backsides and appurtenances to the same house belonging for the term of her naturall life provided she keeps herself a Widow and mainteyne and breed up my four children John Smith, Edward Smith Richard Smith and Elizabeth Smith until they shall accomplish the age of one and Twenty yeares or be marryed or put forth Apprentices Item I give and devise and bequeath more until my wife Eizabeth Smith the sume of one hundred pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid unto her out of my goods and Chattells within one year after my decease Item I give devise and bequeath unto my

soone John Smith when he shall accomplish the age of one and Twnty yeares all that my aforsaid house outhouse gardens orchards close backsides and Appurtenances to the aforsaid house belonging after the decease or mattiage of my wife Elizabeth as aforesaid To hold unto him the said John Smith my sonne and his heires in fee for ever provided he shall and doe pay or raise to be paid unto my other three Children Edward Smith Richard Smith, and Elizabeth Smith within Six months after he shall be possessed of the aforesaid house with the Appurtenances the sume of forty pounds of lawfull money of England to be equally devided between them by my Overseers in Trust of this my last Will and Testament Item my Will and meaning to that if it shall happen that my wife Elizabeth Smith shall dye or decease this life or br marryed before my sonne John Smith doe accomplish the age of One and Twenty years Then my Will is That my Overseers in Trust of this my last Will and Testament shall have receave and take the rente issues and prfitts of my aforsaid House and all other the Appurtenances towards the maintenace of my aforesaid foure Children until such time that my sone John Smith shall accomplish the age of one and Twenty yeares Item I give and bequeath more unto my wife Elizabeth Smith my best bed bedstead and all my best furniture for one bed all my brasses except the turnace all my pewter lynnens one Trunke Two boxes one Table board foure joyned stooles all my Silver plate teo barrells and all my Wooden Vessells one Chest one paire of Andicons one pair of Tongs and fire pan all my Chaires And all the rest and re[?] of my goods and Chattells of what nature or kind soever they be that I have not herein bequeathed as aforesaid I give and bequeath unto my aforesaid foure Children John Smith Edward Smith Richard Smith and Elizabeth Smith equally to be devided between them by my Overseers in Trust of this my last Will and Testament and be converted into money at the discretion of my Overseers in Trust of this my last Will and Testament and be paid unto them by my Overseers in Trust of this my last Will and Testament as they shall accomplish the age of one and Twenty yeares and the Interest thereof dureing all or other of my foure Childrens Minority my Will is that my wife shall have it towards the maintenance of my foure Children Item my Will is to make and ordaine my foure Children John Smith Edward Smith Richard Smith and Elizabeth Smith joynt and Sole Executors and Executrix of this my last Will and Testament Item my Will is to make those of my two —||— beloved Brother John Smith of the Borough of the Devizes and John Eles of Marson in the parish of Pottren both in the County of Wilts to be overseers in trust of this my last Will and Testament and doe hereby Authorize them to take upon them the Execution of this my last Will and Testament and for the love and affection I baire[?] to them I give unto each of them Two shillings and 6 pence a peece In Witness whereof I the said Edward Smith have hereunto sett my hand and Seale the day and yeare first above written Edward Smith Signed Sealed and delivered what to within specified to be the last Will and Testament of the within named Edward Smith in the presence of Jane Smith Mary Elles Frank Ellyott

Attestation Clause